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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Timothy Anderson et al.  
Application No.: 09/192,547  
Filed: November 5, 1998  
Title: Private Arbitrated Loop Self-Test Management for a Fibre Channel Storage Enclosure

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AMENDMENTINTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated December 18, 2003, please extend the time to respond to the Final Office Action dated September 24, 2003, one-month, from December 24, 2003 to January 24, 2004. The Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee is enclosed. Please amend the application as follows:

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